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I read your article with great interest. To set the record straight with respect to the opinion that the authors of an article in the Washington Quarterly "must have talked extensively" to me, that is totally untrue. I have neither met nor talked with either of those gentlemen. Furthermore, it is apparent to me that the many "sources" being quoted in the media who have reported on my mission to Iran lack factual information. This should also be apparent to the public because of the variety of opinion expressed. I have not been muzzled, nor have I refused to make statements to the press. The reason I have not gone public is that I believe the American public and the media should be devoting their attention to helping the President solve a very difficult current problem with Iran. Focusing on history at this time adds nothing and only dilutes the efforts to save the innocent Americans being held hostage.

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